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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

The references are listed on Applicants' Form PTO-1449, which is attached to this Information Disclosure Statement for the convenience of the Examiner. Applicants request consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and that such consideration be indicated by initialing each citation thereon.

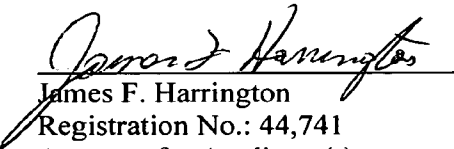
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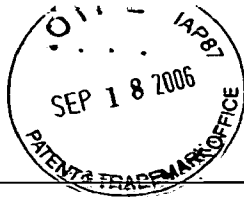
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If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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